



## Breeders' Briefcase

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My name is Cindy Long and I have been appointed chair of the Breeders' Education Committee. This month I would like to tell you about myself and my background with Weims and with the WCA. I welcome the opportunity to serve in this capacity and look forward to the future of our club. Next month the column will return to articles containing educational material that hopefully our members will find interesting.

I became a member of the WCA in 1974 when I acquired my first Weim. at age 15. This dog was not registered so the only thing I could do was acquire an ILP number from the AKC which allowed me to begin my stint in dogs in the obedience ring. I enjoyed the obedience ring very much and together we earned a UD title, but I tended to keep watching the "pretty dogs" over on the other side of the building. The conformation ring interested me very much and a year later I won my first group with my first show dog. I owe this quick success to the very expert guidance and coaching of my mentor in Weims, Adylene Pardo. It was her that I wanted to be... to be that good. Showing dogs then became my life and Weims my passion. I began successfully breeding dogs under the Von Luchbach kennel name, but only on a limited basis since after all, one has to graduate from high school, attend college, etc., or one's parents are not very happy.

In the mid 1980's I became active in the National Club as a member of the Board and served on the WCA board for approximately 12 years. During that time I implemented the photo

contest and the first WCA calendar. The next project was Volume Three of the Pictorial History. The last two years I served on the Board were as Vice President. I have also served on the nominating committee for the WCA three different times.

In 1997, I moved from Texas to Ohio and married Dan Long. Together we threw caution to the wind, started training field trial dogs and began the life of professional trainers. We never looked back and eventually handling/ training field trial dogs, show dogs and hunt test dogs became our livelihood.

It has been these past 15 years that have made me a much more rounded dog owner and breeder. Since 1974 I have been a devoted Weimaraner enthusiast but was only familiar with the conformation and obedience aspects of our sport. I now am much more rounded and therefore feel more qualified to chair this committee. It is the field training and field trial competition that has completed this circle. This article is not meant to be about winning accomplishments but I do want to point out from an experience standpoint that I have bred, owned, trained or handled a National Specialty Winner, National Field Champions, Bench Futurity Winners and Field Futurity Winners, BROM Producers and numerous champions in both bench and field. The importance of these accomplishments to me is that hopefully they give me the experience necessary to serve this committee and help educate others so that this great breed may continue to be great and further improve in the future.